

REMARKS

Claims 25 and 32-36 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 26, 28, 29, 37 and 38 are amended. Claims 1-24, 26-31 and 37-39 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be allowed and forwarded on to issuance.

Allowed Claims

In the present Office Action, the Office has indicated that claims 1-24 are allowable. Applicant thanks the Office for the indication of allowable subject matter. In addition, the Office has indicated that claims 26-31 and 37-39 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claims, but are otherwise allowable if re-written in independent form.

Accordingly, claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter from its independent claim—claim 25. Claim 27 depends from claim 26. Hence, these claims are now in allowable form. Additionally, claims 28 and 29 have both been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 25. Claims 30 and 31 depend from claim 29 and are in allowable form.

Claim 37 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of both claims 36 and 34. Accordingly, this claim is now in allowable form. Further, claim 38 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 36 and 34. As such, it is now in allowable form. Claim 39 depends from claim 38 and are in allowable form.

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2 **Conclusion**

3 Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and
4 respectfully requests that the Office pass the application along to issuance. If the
5 Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of
6 Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of
7 scheduling an interview.

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9 Respectfully Submitted,

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